

Both are pirates, but otherwise there is about as much resemblance between Capt. Kidd and Il Duce as between Robin Hood and a fellow who robs blind men's cups.

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WAGE SYSTEM

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A Strange World

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## THE UPPER GROUND

U.S. ARMY  
RECRUITING  
OFFICE

"We give two pair of pants and a coffin with every suit."

## RECOMPENSE

"Tie a sad, and world," said Sigmond Spoolie. "No one working harder than I am. When we broke that strike. How I pried and spied."

How to gain their confidence, I tried. Then when I found what their purpose was I hurried to tell it to the boss. So their plans fell flat and the strike was lost. That was foreordained when their path I crossed.

I thought: 'now the boss will be my pard.' But he only says: 'virtue's all my own reward.' When I hinted for pay he began to frown. I can't see yet why he turned me down. 'You're right there, Brother,' said Simon Scabby.

"They shouldn't treat us so doggone shabby. I missed my sleep and I missed my meals. Took part in all those shady deals. Like slapping the girls on the picket line. The boss said then I was 'doin' fine. And when I bashed a striker's head. He laughed and laughed 'till his face got red. But after the strike was properly busted, he suggested my check should be adjusted. To cover part of the service I'd rendered. He said, 'My gratitude has been tendered. In the form of heartfelt thanks. Ha! Ha! Yes, sir, I call it pretty raw.'"

So the scab and stoolie pigeon talked together. These blokes on creation, these birds of a feather.

**Education.** School days will soon be here again at Work Peoples College, and it is to be hoped that a larger number of students will be in attendance than has been the case in the past few years. The School ought to be filled to capacity and the fine opportunities it offers utilized to the utmost extent.

The selection of the teaching staff has not, as yet, been completed but patrons and prospective students will be glad to hear that Covington Hall, versatile writer and educator, will be among those in charge of Work Peoples College classes this winter.

**THE PREAMBLE**  
OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD

The working class and the employing class have nothing common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of management of the industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat the workers in all in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all for members is for all industries in all industries in necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the present struggle but to equip itself, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

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## Vigilante

A good job for an enterprising statistician would be to check up and report the number of new vigilante organizations that have been springing up during the last couple of years. It has been good weather for those government-through-terror groups all the way from New York to California.

Wherever there are major labor disturbances, money fad, great feed middle class retailers of the big money lords are itching to work off their poisoned energies in raids on organizing and striking working men and women. The impulse to swing a pickhandle against, or to take a shot at a more or less defenseless worker seems to come natural to that portion of the employing class that just manages to keep from slipping into the ranks of the workers. At any rate never is capitalist law (the protection of profits) more vicious than when executed directly by small-scale employers and their professional aids.

Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio, Washington and, of course, a whole batch of southern states furnish recent examples enough of this spewing out of capitalist class venom against an awakening and protesting working class.

Permanently organized vigilantes offer jobs to those snake hearted enough to take them. Hence, now that easy, well-paid positions at even the dirtiest of dirty work are not to be had for the asking, there are those who gladly burrow down way below the sub-strata of human decency and strive to establish themselves as professional vigilantes. We have, for instance, the Pennsylvania-born Citizens National Committee with headquarters in New York and a Mr. Ormsby McHarg as executive secretary; and the more recently hatched Association of Farmers of Washington headed by L. E. Pruitt. It's easy money for buzzards like these, but unspeakably filthy.

## Liberalism

United with organized labor against vigilantes are the liberals. These latter, belonging mostly to the professional class, want an "enlightened" capitalism. They want to see exploitation carried on with decency and dignity. Their kindly souls are revolted at the sight of blood, corruption, and starvation; and they find it difficult to enjoy their own abundance (derived often enough from the exploitation of labor) while millions are in want and perished.

While it is freely acknowledged that liberals give valuable aid, chiefly financial, to the cause of working class freedom, it is important also to take note of their limitations. In a crisis liberals as a group have always tried to balance "nothing can be further from the truth. Political power is still a reflex of economic power. If Roosevelt is a liberal then so are the Duponts and the heads of the U. S. Steel corporation.

The danger of fascism in America—so much talked about, but so little understood in labor and liberal circles—does not lie today in the vigilantism that goes armed to attack union workers and union halls; it lies, rather, in those who would take unionism out of the hands of the workers to pervert and emasculate it.

In the early 1920s Mussolini called long and loud for labor organization and strikes. "Hang the profliggers," he said, and demanded more for the down-trodden working man. We have his type with us in America. It's not the moron vigilantes, masked or unmasked, whom American labor has to fear so much as the "friend" of labor who, while he pats the working man on the back, tries to steal his rank and file unionism.

Adjustment of labor positions by bureaucratic political leaders lead to disaster and a one big union party.

A Chicago Daily News correspondent hits the nail squarely on the head several times in an article about the labor, pointing which appeared recently. He says in part: "Recent publicity handouts of the national labor relations board deal more and more with disputes between rival labor organizations. Elections now ordered go largely for the purpose of determining whether men wish to be represented by C. I. O. union, an A. F. of L. union or some unaffiliated body like the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. Even the old I. W. U. turned in a baiting and won, too, suggesting that it is not wholly a ghost."

"When the NLRB was authorized by congress there was little thought that one of its big jobs would be the settlement of disputes between labor organizations. The idea was to settle disputes with employers and also to settle the hash of company unions. The present trend of NLRB actions is just another instance of the limitations of political and legislative foresight."

**Let Labor Make Its Own Law**  
The writer next refers to the valuable body of "folk law" that is coming up out of the struggle between employers and labor unions, meaning thereby, of course, the tactics, policies and precedents that have become established through generations of experience. He asserts in case for congress that the NLRB and its bureaucratic procedure is not superseding this folk law to a greater extent than it is.

In this he is undoubtedly right, even though a good portion of this old procedure ought to have been discarded long ago. When methods of arriving at decisions, of making demands, of negotiating and striking change, they ought to be changed by the workers themselves, put by a political board whose connection with the workers is so remote that they can have even less chance to control it than they have control to control the matter and automatic of labor leaders.

Quoting further: "No canny labor leader would willingly abandon progress in industrial self-government for resort to the synthetic variety of procedure provided by congress. So long as the principle of compulsion is minimized in labor legislation we may expect a continued growth of this extra legal 'industrial jurisprudence'."

Now there the writer certainly has the right idea and, though he probably did not have such a development in mind, it is nevertheless true that this growth of "industrial jurisprudence" is only so far as the workers' industrial law will supersede the employers' political jurisprudence. In conclusion he says: "As long as American workers prefer to settle their disputes with employers directly through their own institutions and negotiations, it will be difficult to ensure American labor into 'labor front' and other entanglements similar to those that have been invented in the communistic and fascist states for the purpose of emasculating unionism and subjecting the workers to the political bureaucracy."

The essence of the "labor front" of Russia, Germany and Italy is the same as that of the company union. But over there they have just one big company union, which is to be expected. When the government becomes active in slavery or other such work, it is only natural that the government should desire that all labor organizations should be merged in a company union. And when government is honest there is no opinion about joining the company union."

"The Industrial Worker stands for one big rank and file controlled union, a union that doesn't depend on legislators, labor bosses, or labor leaders; it working with mind and main toward that day when the large government production and distribution will be made in union meetings and enforced on the union jobs."

**CLEVELAND NEWS STAND**  
The One Big Union Monthly may be had at the Central Drug Store, 242 E. Halsted St., Chicago.

On and after October 4 the address of the Manhattan branch of I. W. No. 510 will be P.O. Box 808, Church St. Annex, New York City, N. Y.

## I. U. 510 NOMINEES

The list of nominees sent to the Industrial Worker and published in the last issue is not correct. The correct list, sent in by Chairman of the G.O.C. Martin O'Connor, follows:

## G.O.C. Nominees

John J. Bagley, G. P. Chao, J. P. Dunnarowski, George King, Joe Deana, Frank Natusky, E. P. Newton, William Patton, Max Korvblatt, B. Coderick, J. B. Ghilla, Philip Lonsdale, Fred Hansen, Martin Johnson, C. E. Houghton, A. Martin, Bear Baran.

**G.E.R. Nominees and Alternates**  
Stanley Sawitz, Walter Dempsey, Louis Perry, Max Korvblatt, E. P. Newton, Wilmer Fox, William Patton, Bear Baran, Frank Russell, A. Caporale, Fred Hansen.

All nominees should have acceptance or denials in the office of the chairman of the G.O.C. by November 1.

## CLEVELAND I. U. 440 NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of Metal and Machinery Workers' Union, I. U. No. 440 of the I. W. U., Cleveland Branch will be held Monday evening, Oct. 4, at 8 p. m., at 2622 Berkeley Rd. This meeting is open to all members of this Industrial Union in all shops.—Joe Nussle, Secretary.

## SUPPLIES LOST

Lost on Green Hill between Greer and Wippo, Idaho, Friday night September 23, a pack sack belonging to James Whalen containing brief case with I. W. U. supplies and personal belongings. Finder please notify I. W. U. 1336 Spokane, Wash. Reward will be paid if necessary.

## Foreign Language Pamphlets

Pamphlets in the Italian, Russian, Bulgarian, Greek, Swedish and Hungarian languages can be obtained from the Main Office for the payment of postage. If you can use some of this material, write it and it will be sent.

## LOST CREDENTIALS

The following job delegates' credentials have been lost and should be taken up on sight:

Ben. F. Merrill, 124-R-7; James Gable, 124-R-7; and James Ryan, 124-R-7. W. H. Westfall, SSKS-Texas.

## LITERATURE

The following pamphlets, published by Charles H. Kerr & Company, can be obtained from the Main Office, 242 E. Halsted St., Chicago, Illinois: "The Dream of Debs," 10c; "Producers and Parasites," 10c; "Socialism-Old and Scientific," 10c.

## NEW LEAFLETS

Three new leaflets are available for distribution. "What is the I. W. U.?" "Wanted—One Big Union!" and "What is Spain?" The former two may be had for \$2.50 per thousand, and the latter is free. Send your orders to W. R. Westman, General Secretary-Treasurer, 242 E. Halsted St., Chicago, Ill.

## STOCKTON, CALIF.

Members going through Stockton, Calif., wishing to do business with a delegate may do so by looking up George Opyk, 120 So. California Street.

Marine Transport  
Workers Notice

Every member of the Marine Transport Workers I. U. No. 510 of the I.W.U. is urgently requested to get in touch with the Chairman of the G.O.C. immediately, and supply him with his address, preferably a permanent one.—M. O'Connor, G.O.C. Chairman, Box 808, City Hall St., New York City.

It has happened in many lands that Sinclair Lewis, a likely lad, appears up "I cannot happen here."

In those Strange Lands the economic orders maintained an army of gunmen, in the factories and plants, to the extent of 10 percent of the working population—constantly the stood pigeons and part-time renegades. Say, all told, about one thousand gunmen to a very ten thousand workers and all these, including the gunmen, went down to A Voice and nothing else but.

Maintenance of those armies by the employers was not altogether an unalloyed joy, and clashes frequently occurred between these slaves of The Yulker; and whenever the allotment of gunmen was unable to hold its own with the most outraged workers, the employers would send out and get reinforcements from the underworld and get them paid very well.

But it sometimes happened that even then The Voice could not get the workers to accept 70 years of toil with nothing to show for it except a righteous grave, and then it was incumbent upon The Voice to call in the State Militia. Whenever the workers saw the "ungodly" prosper beyond the fruits of their production and the militia was as insufficient to get the boys to accept inferior food, inferior, material, inferior housing, the employers would call in the "devil-dogs" and regiment of infantry on the grounds that a national crisis existed.

## Guns and Degradity

All this panoply of war, clash of arms, and summary execution of workers was the regular permitting industrial autocrats to maintain an army of gunmen in the factories and sweat shops of the nation for the intimidation of the workers.

Arseholes in the factories bespeak the depth of depravity of the after, inferior housing, the employers would call in the "devil-dogs" and regiment of infantry on the grounds that a national crisis existed.

Strange are those strange people who are placed to live in a free democracy where the bosses throw around bearing olive branches and another strap—capitalism, as Sinclair Lewis, my kid, assures me "I cannot happen here."

Not so the increasingly better thing graphy up to here as evening class—fall—it is now 2 a. m.

In those strange lands where we speak the soldier was an unusual being and would just as soon as a "devil-dog" as he was to be attributed much of his plight to his parents.

Exhaustion of Oil  
To End World Wars

Experts estimate that in future wars in order to keep 1,000,000 soldiers in the field, 200,000 tons of iron and steel, 4,000,000 tons of coal, and 200,000 tons of oil will be required.

Quoting these figures an Austrian General claims danger of another world war will be over in another fifty years because of a falling oil supply. He minimizes the importance of efforts to produce synthetic oil or gasoline because of the expense and the necessity of having rare plants, vulnerable in war time.

The growing importance of industrial output in modern wars strengthens the position of the producing workers to such an extent that even now it could stop wars. No need to wait 50 years.

Cotton Planters Get  
Subsidy; Starvation  
Wages for Pickers

Cotton planters are trying to hold down wages for pickers to 10 to 15 cents a hundred. This is 10 to 15 cents that they are collecting for the three cents a pound from the government and are guaranteed a price that should enable them to pay from \$1.00 to \$1.25 a hundred.

who were generally unorganized as a result of very sticky ideas about unionism. Whereas in our own land the boys in blue and gray wouldn't think of shooting into the ranks of their parents without great provocation or mortal injury, much as they love the army and navy and secretary of the treasury."

Never, no never! Does it enter in to the mind of our brave boys that they have "kissed" against their parents for raising them up to be soldiers, to face they show the best of sons of war as a path to glory and immortality, and are duty faithful to the great republic for saving them from starvation.

Maybe He Don't Want to Mix the Breed?

Home Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers, is in favor of physical examination for the workers. Sounds fine in print but when you put it into an adding machine it comes out a sum of 600,000. By strange coincidence there are 4,000,000 bosses in this country who are in favor of examining workers physically—only 50 percent of the workers are opposed.

The boss can call the workers in a company doctor's office on a pretense fit—only new mollycoddlers will take the examination. Maybe Home Martin's men are mollycoddlers?

The answerer to the I. W. U. is: Find out what that boss wants you to do—then don't do it.

Home is learning fast. Also by a strange coincidence the boss believes in bargaining. But there is a joke. He believes that the worker should bargain only as an individual. How...? Keep here the boss said: "Now, Jimmie, don't tell the rest of the boys about this."

Then again the boss believes that he should bargain with the union's professional bargainers only. All that aside, the fact remains there is nothing on the bargain counter for the workers—either as individual, union or represented. His welfare is in his organized power, not in his ignorance.

The self interest of the powers in Europe seems to be to keep the war going in Spain so that they can sell them clean handkerchiefs. Spain's workers have everything in common but I cannot see a solution as being loyal and rebel because the masses have divided themselves among the two factions; each hoping to be on the winning side. This war is prejudicial to that extent, internally, but not irreparably.

I think it would be well to bring the workers' dilemma into the United States of America—and civilize them.

No Encouragement  
For Anti-Semitism

MEXICO CITY.—Jewish immigrants now resident in Mexico are legally in the country and have the right to engage in any and all honorable occupations. Vice-Minister of the Interior Clemente declared in an open letter to the newspaper "El Excelsior" which had charged that most Mexican Jews had entered the country illegally.

Can't They Blow  
Their Own Horns?

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—The Los Angeles County Communist Party, U. S. A., issued a leaflet "calling all strikers to help them celebrate Constitution Day."

The American Legion turned down the special invitation to send its large corps but it is understood that they did get a daughter of the American Revolution.

The comrades were disappointed not to get the buglers, whom they wanted to sound taps for "these valiant Americans who died in the revolutionary cause."

The D. A. R. is helping in the Federal government's program for the Indians, the Department of the Interior reports. Glad someone has found a way to keep the Daughters on the reservation.





## "Ye Who Are Heavily Laden"

...but is laying the ground for  
...for a union not named on the  
...allot.